

**MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
200 South Rusk
Gainesville, Texas 76240
August 14, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Gainesville, Texas met in Special Called Session on August 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Glenn Loch
Council Members Charles Draper, Carolyn Hendricks, Vince Rippy, Beverly Snuggs, Woody Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Goldsworthy

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Parker, Interim City Manager; Kay Lunnon, City Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT: Kathy Floyd

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Loch called the meeting to order with a quorum of members present. The absence of Councilman Goldsworthy was noted.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE FOR 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR

Interim City Manager Dan Parker explained that Council action tonight is to take record vote on a tax rate to consider during the budget process, and to establish the schedule of public hearings on the tax rate for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Parker said Council can ultimately adopt a tax rate that is lower than the rate they propose tonight for consideration, but they cannot consider or adopt a tax rate that is higher than the rate they propose tonight for consideration.

Council discussed increasing the fund balance; lowering the tax rate from last year, but adopting a rate higher than the effective tax rate; keeping a tight rein on expenses; building reserves; infrastructure improvements.

It was pointed out that the effective tax rate supports the preliminary budget presented by Mike Land, including departmental supplemental requests.

Draper requested monthly financial reports of ongoing projects with cost and percentage of budget.

PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR CONSIDERATION

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Draper **proposed to consider a tax rate of \$0.647000/\$100**, and was seconded by Councilmember Snuggs. The motion carried by vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

PUBLIC HEARING DATES SET FOR PROPOSED 2007 TAX RATE

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON SETTING DATE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON A PROPOSED 2007 TAX RATE.

Since the proposed tax rate for consideration is higher than the effective tax rate, two public hearings are required.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Snuggs **moved to schedule a Public Hearing on August 28, at 7:00 p.m. at a Special Called City Council Meeting, and the Second Public Hearing on September 4, at 6:30 p.m. at a Regular City Council Meeting.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams and carried by vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Prior to adjournment, Dan Parker reported to Council that a woman had fallen and was seriously injured this morning at the Transfer Station and had been transported to the hospital.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m.

/S/
Glenn Loch, Mayor

Attest:

/S/
Kay Lunnon, City Secretary